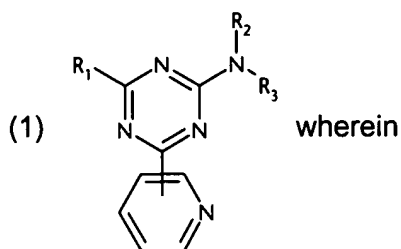


## IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace the prior claims listing by the following listing.

1. (currently amended): A compound of formula



~~R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; or C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl;~~

~~R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; and~~

~~R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl; or phenylcarbonyl.~~

2. (cancelled).

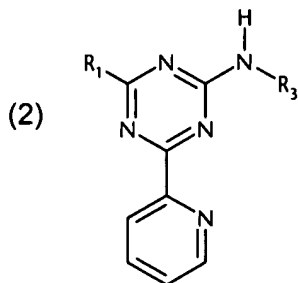
3. (currently amended): A compound according to ~~either~~ claim 1, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen; and

R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>12</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

4. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl; and

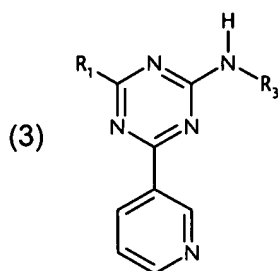
R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

5. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 4, wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is tert-butyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl.

6. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

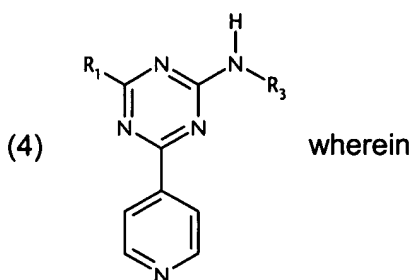


wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

7. (previously presented): A compound according to claim 1, which corresponds to formula

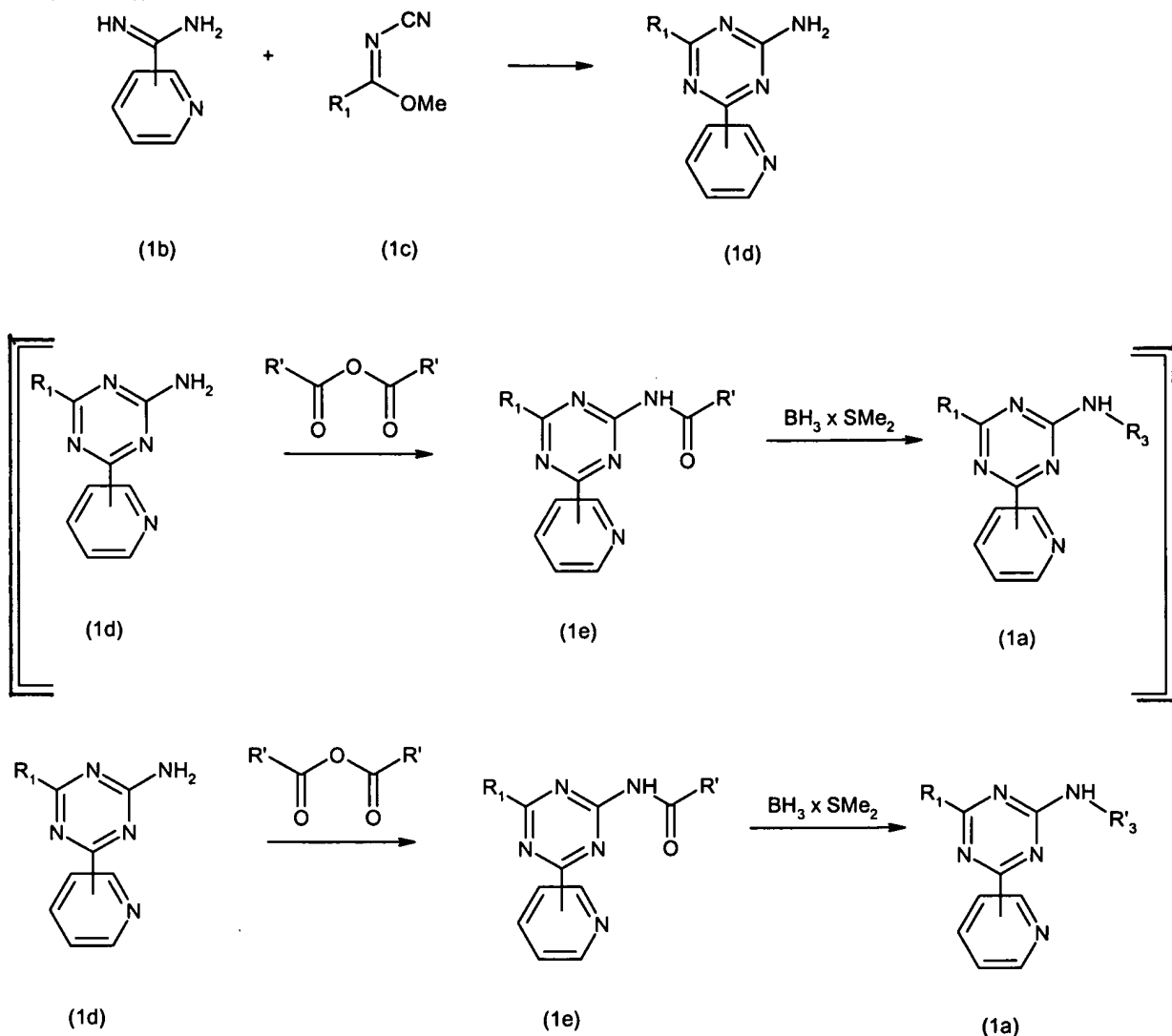


R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is C<sub>6</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl.

8. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1e) or (1a) ~~according to claim 4~~, which comprises condensing an amidine of formula (1b) with a cyanoimide of formula (1c) to form an aminotriazine of formula (1d), acylating the latter compound, and then

optionally reducing the N-acylaminotriazine of formula (1e) obtained to form a compound of formula (1a), in accordance with the following Scheme:



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl;

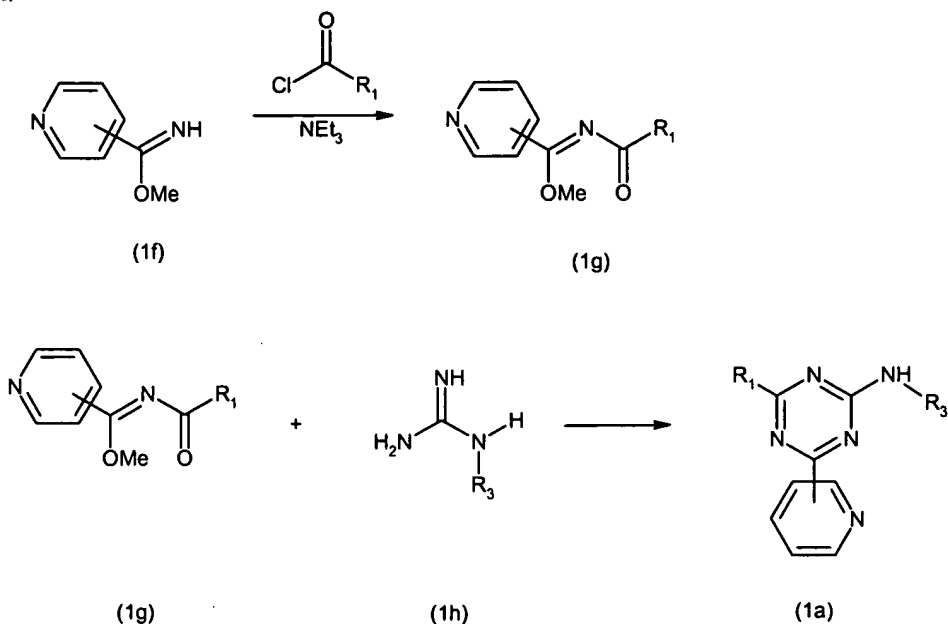
R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl; or phenylcarbonyl; wherein

R'<sub>3</sub> is the residue of R<sub>3</sub> minus a CH<sub>2</sub> moiety; and

R' is C<sub>4</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>alkyl is the residue of R<sub>3</sub> minus a carbonyl moiety.

9. (currently amended): A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (1a) ~~according to claim 4~~, which comprises acylating a pyridylimino ester of formula (1f) and reacting the resulting

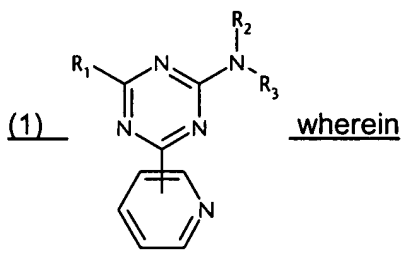
N-acyl-imino ester of formula (1f) with a mono- or di-substituted guanidine or a salt thereof in an inert solvent to form a pyridyl-triazine of formula (1a), in accordance with the following Scheme:



wherein

R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>3</sub> are as defined in claim 1.

10. (currently amended): A method for the antimicrobial treatment of ~~surfaces~~ a surface, which comprises contacting said ~~surfaces~~ surface with an antimicrobially effective amount of a compound of formula (1) ~~according to claim 1~~



R<sub>1</sub> is C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; or C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl;

R<sub>2</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; or C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; and

R<sub>3</sub> is hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>alkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>7</sub>cycloalkyl-carbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>20</sub>perfluoroalkyl-carbonyl; or phenylcarbonyl.

11. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~the compound of formula (1) is used in the antimicrobial treatment, deodorisation and disinfection of the~~ said surface is skin, oral and other mucosa, tooth surfaces and the or hair.

12. (currently amended): A method according to claim 11, wherein the antimicrobial treatment with the compound of formula (1)~~is used in~~ results in disinfection and deodorisation.

13. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~a compound of formula (1) is used in the~~ said surface is a treatment of textile fibre materials material.

14. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein the antimicrobial treatment with a compound of formula (1)~~is used~~ results in preservation.

15. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein a compound of formula (1) is incorporated into ~~used in~~ washing and cleaning formulations.

16. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~a compound of formula (1) is used in imparting antimicrobial properties to, and preserving,~~ said surface is plastics, paper, nonwovens, wood or leather.

17. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~a compound of formula (1) is used in imparting antimicrobial properties to, and preserving,~~ said surface is a technical products product selected from the group consisting of printing thickeners of starch or of cellulose derivatives, surface-coatings and paints.

18. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein ~~a compound of formula (1) is used as a biocide in~~ said surface is paper-treatment.

19. (currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein the antimicrobial treatment with a compound of formula (1)~~is used~~ results in penetrating and removing biofilms and also in preventing the adhesion and formation of biofilms on human tooth surfaces and oral mucosa.

20. (original): A personal care preparation comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1) defined in accordance with claim 1, and cosmetically tolerable adjuvants.

21. (original): An oral composition comprising from 0.01 to 15 % by weight, based on the total weight of the composition, of a compound of formula (1) defined in accordance with claim 1, and orally tolerable adjuvants.